



Northbound I-405 Closed at NE 124th St. June 23-27 Heavy Traffic Congestion Expected

The Washington State Department of Transportation asks drivers and transit riders to help while crews close northbound Interstate 405. During the closure crews will work around the clock to lower a section of northbound I-405 under the NE 124th Street bridge.

FREEWAY AND RAMP CLOSURES

All lanes of northbound I-405 at NE 124th Street will be closed from 10 p.m. Friday, June 23, until 5 a.m. Tuesday, June 27. Northbound traffic will be funneled into a two-lane temporary bypass. Heavy traffic backups are expected, especially during Monday afternoon commute hours. The work is weather dependent and could be postponed.

WSDOT will also close the northbound on-ramp from eastbound NE 124th Street around the clock from early Friday, June 23, through Tuesday, June 27, and for a few days afterward. At least three lanes of southbound I-405 will remain open. The southbound HOV lane near NE 124th Street could be closed intermittently throughout Saturday and Sunday to help crews expedite their work.

WHY IS THE CLOSURE NECESSARY?

A major closure extending into workdays is unusual for WSDOT. This work cannot be done over a series of nighttime closures. WSDOT's construction contract provides a financial incentive to our contractor, Max J. Kuney Construction, to finish early.

The lengthy closure is necessary for crews to remove and replace a large section of pavement on northbound I-405, lowering the lanes about three feet. Lowering the freeway ensures all traffic has adequate vertical clearance underneath the NE 124th Street bridge. This work is important for semi-trucks and large vehicles.

This work is for Sound Transit's Totem Lake Freeway Station Project, designed and built by WSDOT. New ramps in the I-405 median will allow buses, vanpools and carpools to enter and exit the freeway without merging through three lanes of traffic, easing congestion and enhancing safety for all drivers. The NE 128th Street bridge will also provide a new east-west route across I-405 for all drivers. The new ramps are scheduled to open this fall.

WSDOT ASKS DRIVERS TO CONSIDER OTHER TRAVEL OPTIONS

The following King County Metro transit routes will be rerouted via ramps and surface streets as necessary on Monday, June 26 to minimize potential delays: 237, 252, 257, 311, 342, 630, 644 and 952. Community Transit routes 441 and 424 and Sound Transit routes 530, 532 and 535 will also be rerouted. Passengers should plan for possible delays in service and allow plenty of time for their travel.

Drivers should plan to take alternate routes such as I-5 and SR 202, especially with heavy traffic backups expected during the Monday afternoon commute. Throughout the weekend and on Monday, WSDOT asks drivers to consider carpooling, riding the bus, working from home, or even rescheduling trips.

To keep traffic moving during construction, WSDOT is providing extra Incident Response Teams to respond immediately to incidents or disabled vehicles on I-405.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATES

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